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In re application of: Toyoshi UMEBAYASHI et al.

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For: METHOD FOR PRODUCING AN ARTICLE HAVING AN ELASTIC BONDED BETWEEN TWO WEBS

Examiner: Daniel McNally

Art Unit: 1733

**Mail Stop Amendment**  
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED AUGUST 21, 2006**

Sir:

Favorable reconsideration of the above-identified application is respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and comments.